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Heroes

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Now, Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life – even when he's being chased by badniks!

Villains

DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

GRIMER

Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!

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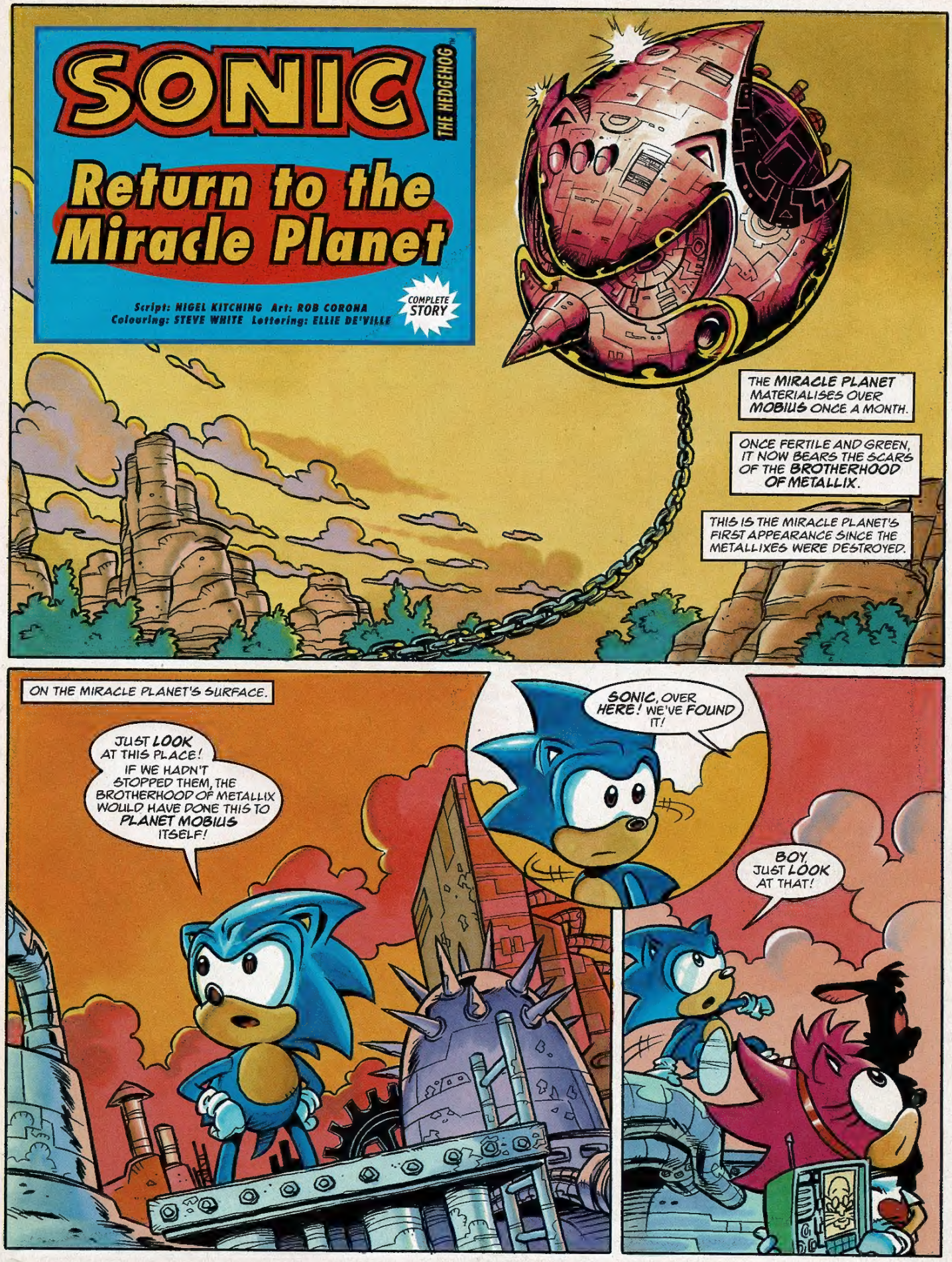
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Return to the Miracle Planet
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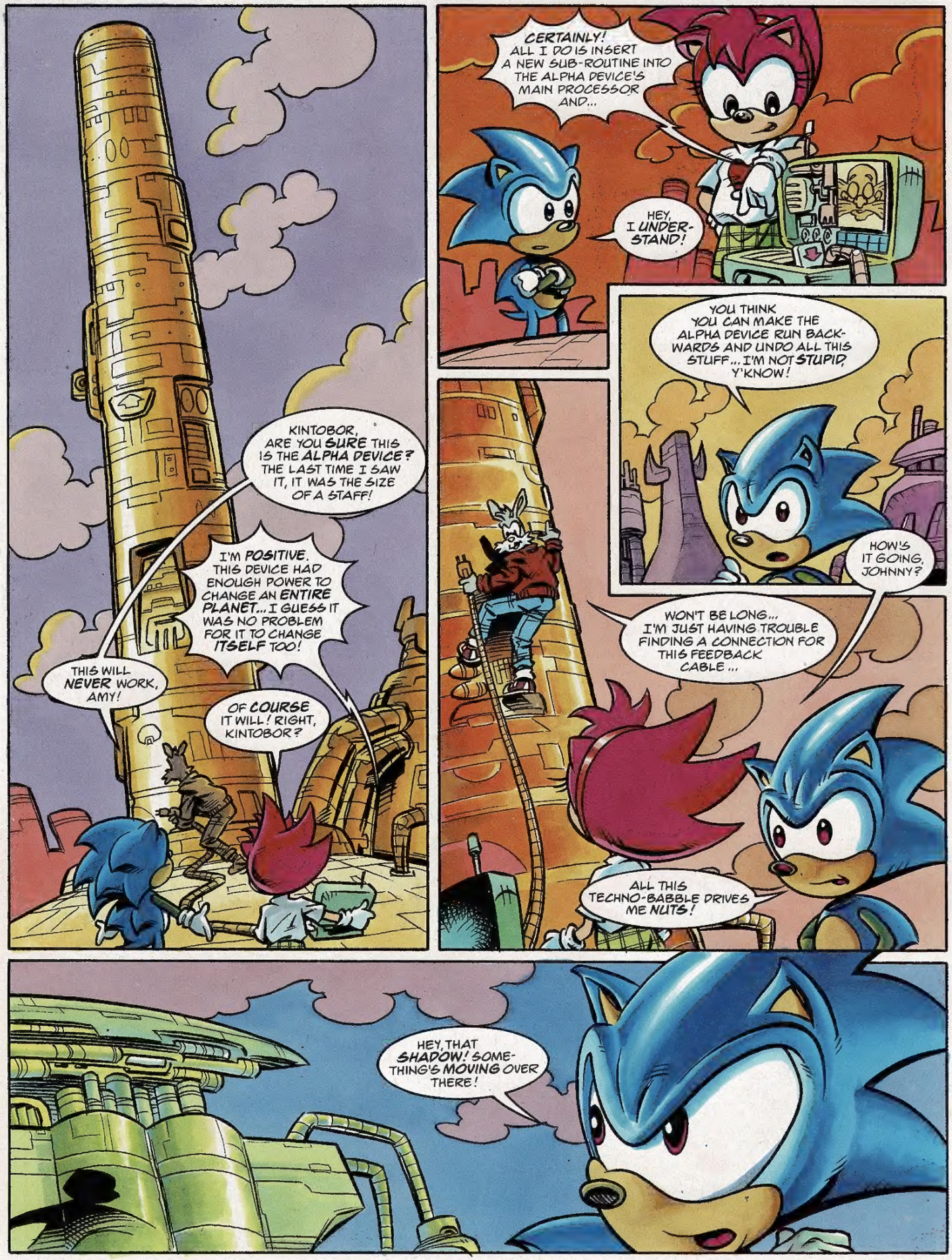
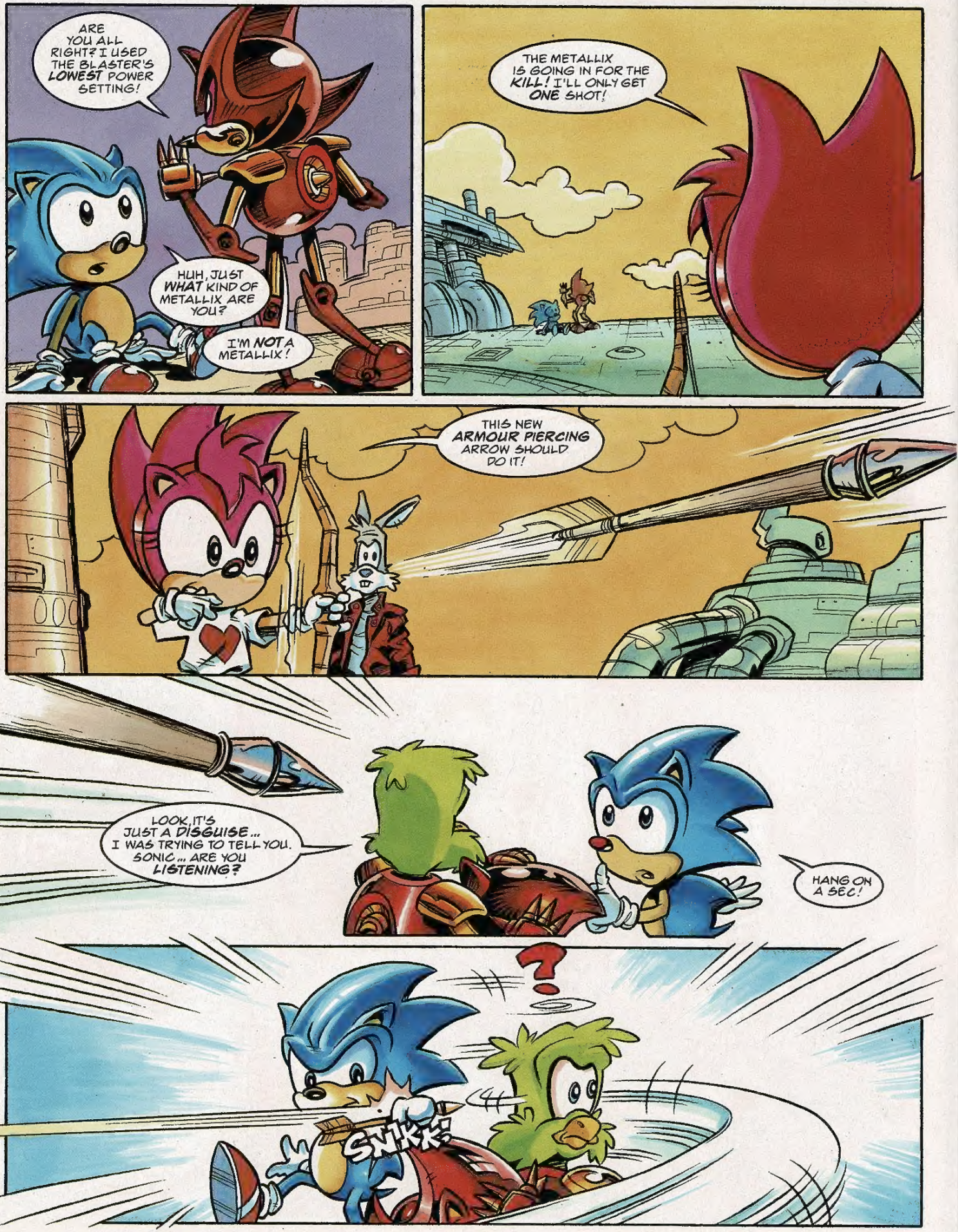
COMPLETE STORY
THE MIRACLE PLANET MATERIALISES OVER MOBIUS ONCE A MONTH.
ONCE FERTILE AND GREEN, IT NOW BEARS THE SCARS OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX.
THIS IS THE MIRACLE PLANET'S FIRST APPEARANCE SINCE THE METALLIXES WERE DESTROYED.
ON THE MIRACLE PLANET'S SURFACE.
JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE! IF WE HADN'T STOPPED THEM, THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX WOULD HAVE DONE THIS TO PLANET MOBIUS ITSELF!
SONIC, OVER HERE! WE'VE FOUND IT!
BOY, JUST LOOK AT THAT!

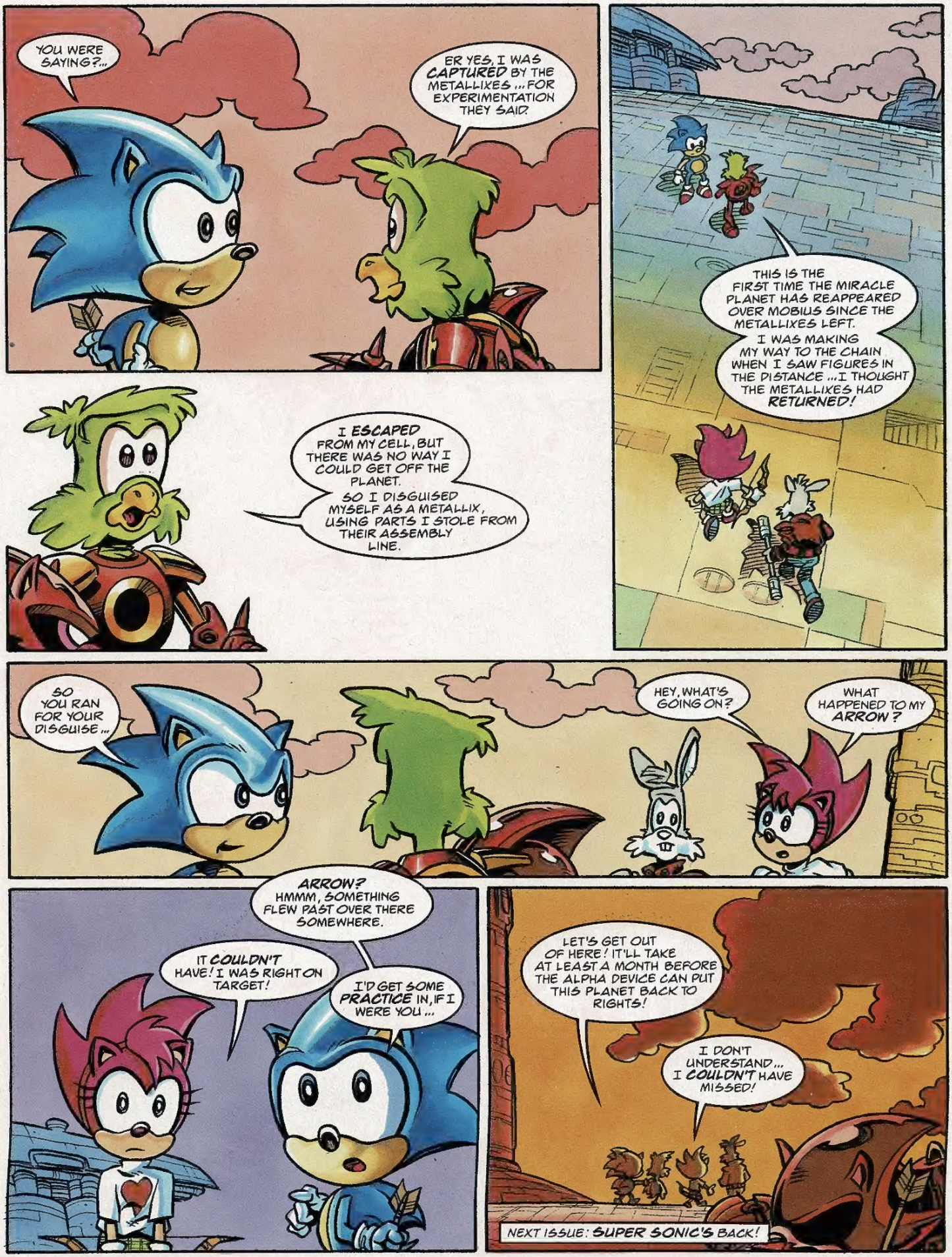

KINTOBOR, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE ALPHA DEVICE? THE LAST TIME I SAW IT, IT WAS THE SIZE OF A STAFF!
I'M POSITIVE. THIS DEVICE HAD ENOUGH POWER TO CHANGE AN ENTIRE PLANET... I GUESS IT WAS NO PROBLEM FOR IT TO CHANGE ITSELF TOO!
THIS WILL NEVER WORK, AMY!
OF COURSE IT WILL! RIGHT, KINTOBOR?
CERTAINLY! ALL I DO IS INSERT A NEW SUB-ROUTINE INTO THE ALPHA DEVICE'S MAIN PROCESSOR AND...
HEY, I UNDER-STAND!
YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE THE ALPHA DEVICE RUN BACK-WARDS AND UNDO ALL THIS STUFF... I'M NOT STUPID, Y'KNOW!
HOW'S IT GOING, JOHNNY?
WON'T BE LONG... I'M JUST HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A CONNECTION FOR THIS FEEDBACK CABLE...
ALL THIS TECHNO-BABBLE DRIVES ME NUTS!
HEY, THAT SHADOW! SOME-THING'S MOVING OVER THERE!

WE'RE NOT ALONE HERE... I'LL CHECK IT OUT!
COME ON, SONIC – WE KNOW THAT ALL THE METALLIXES WERE DESTROYED!
I KNOW WHAT I SAW!
AND BESIDES, I'M FED UP STANDING AROUND LIKE A SPARE PART!
COME OUT, I KNOW YOU'RE HERE!
SKRTCH!
AH HA!
GIVE UP, BUDDY! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT IS A METALLIX!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? ALL THE METALLIXES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED!
DON'T BOTHER TO ANSWER... YOU WON'T BE AROUND LONG ENOUGH!
WH-RAAAK
NOT SO TOUGH WITHOUT YOUR FRIENDS, ARE YOU?
DON'T...
OOF!
HUH, YOU'RE TRYING TO RUN AWAY?
YOU MUST BE THE RUNT OF THE LITTER, I GUESS... PROBABLY WHY THE OTHERS LEFT YOU BEHIND!

HEY, LOOK OVER THERE, IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?
OH NO... IT'S A METALLIX!
YOU EXPECT TO OUTRUN ME? DREAM ON, BOZO!
CHANGG!
YOU HAVE A DATE WITH THE SCRAP MERCHANT, YOU TIN-PLATED CREEP!
NO... DON'T MAKE ME...
AGGH!
FA-ZAK
NO!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I USED THE BLASTER'S LOWEST POWER SETTING!
HUH, JUST WHAT KIND OF METALLIX ARE YOU?
I'M NOT A METALLIX!
THE METALLIX IS GOING IN FOR THE KILL! I'LL ONLY GET ONE SHOT!
THIS NEW ARMOUR PIERCING ARROW SHOULD DO IT!
LOOK, IT'S JUST A DISGUISE... I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU. SONIC... ARE YOU LISTENING?
HANG ON A SEC!
?
SNIRK!


YOU WERE SAYING?...
ER YES, I WAS CAPTURED BY THE METALLIXES ... FOR EXPERIMENTATION THEY SAID.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE MIRACLE PLANET HAS REAPPEARED OVER MOBIUS SINCE THE METALLIXES LEFT.
I WAS MAKING MY WAY TO THE CHAIN WHEN I SAW FIGURES IN THE DISTANCE ...I THOUGHT THE METALLIXES HAD RETURNED!
I ESCAPED FROM MY CELL, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD GET OFF THE PLANET.
SO I DISGUISED MYSELF AS A METALLIX, USING PARTS I STOLE FROM THEIR ASSEMBLY LINE.
SO YOU RAN FOR YOUR DISGUISE...
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY ARROW?
ARROW? HMMM, SOMETHING FLEW PAST OVER THERE SOMEWHERE.
IT COULDN'T HAVE! I WAS RIGHT ON TARGET!
I'D GET SOME PRACTICE IN, IF I WERE YOU...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE THE ALPHA DEVICE CAN PUT THIS PLANET BACK TO RIGHTS!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED!
NEXT ISSUE: SUPER SONIC'S BACK!

KNUCKLES™ and TAILS™

THE REVENGE OF TROGG
Part 4

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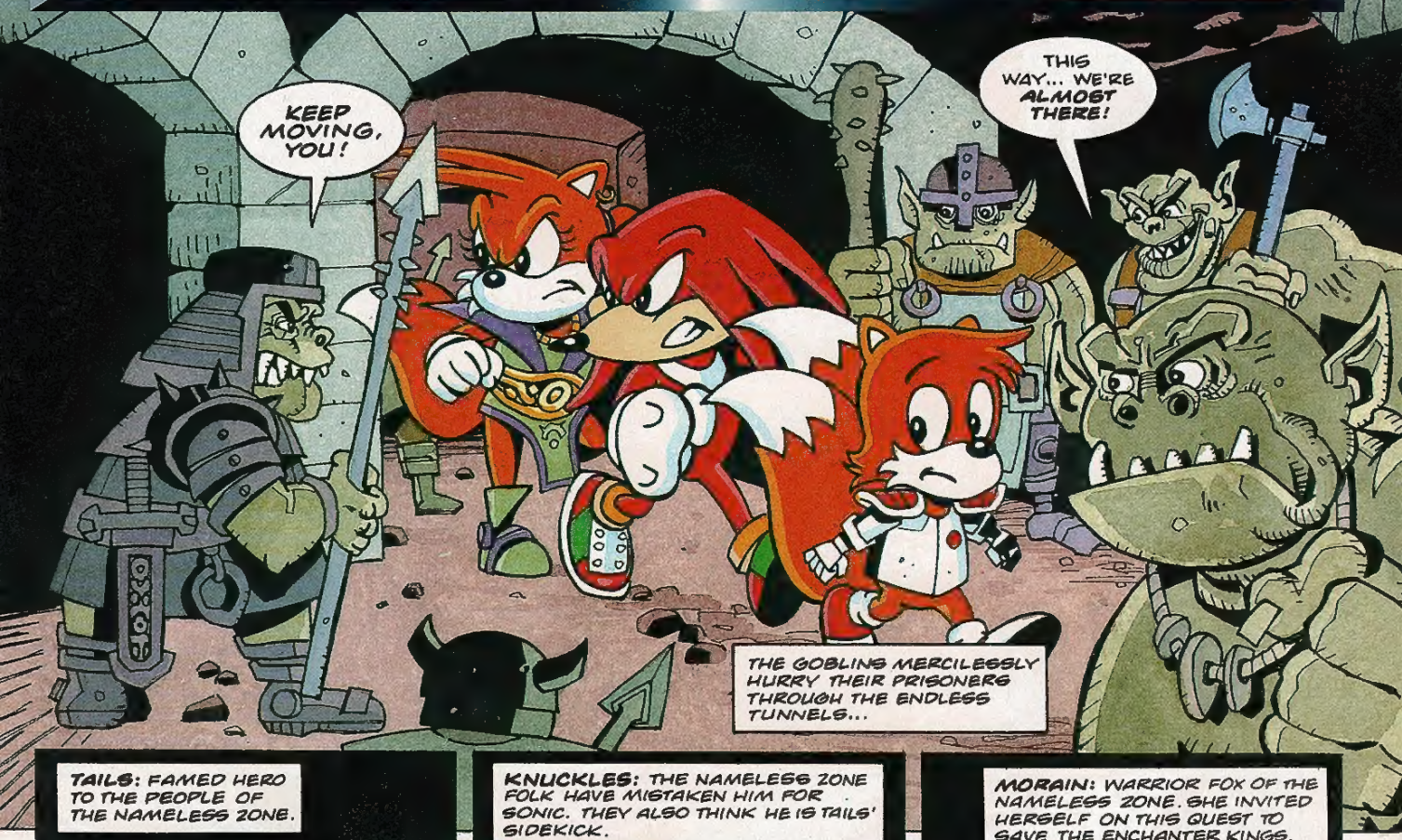
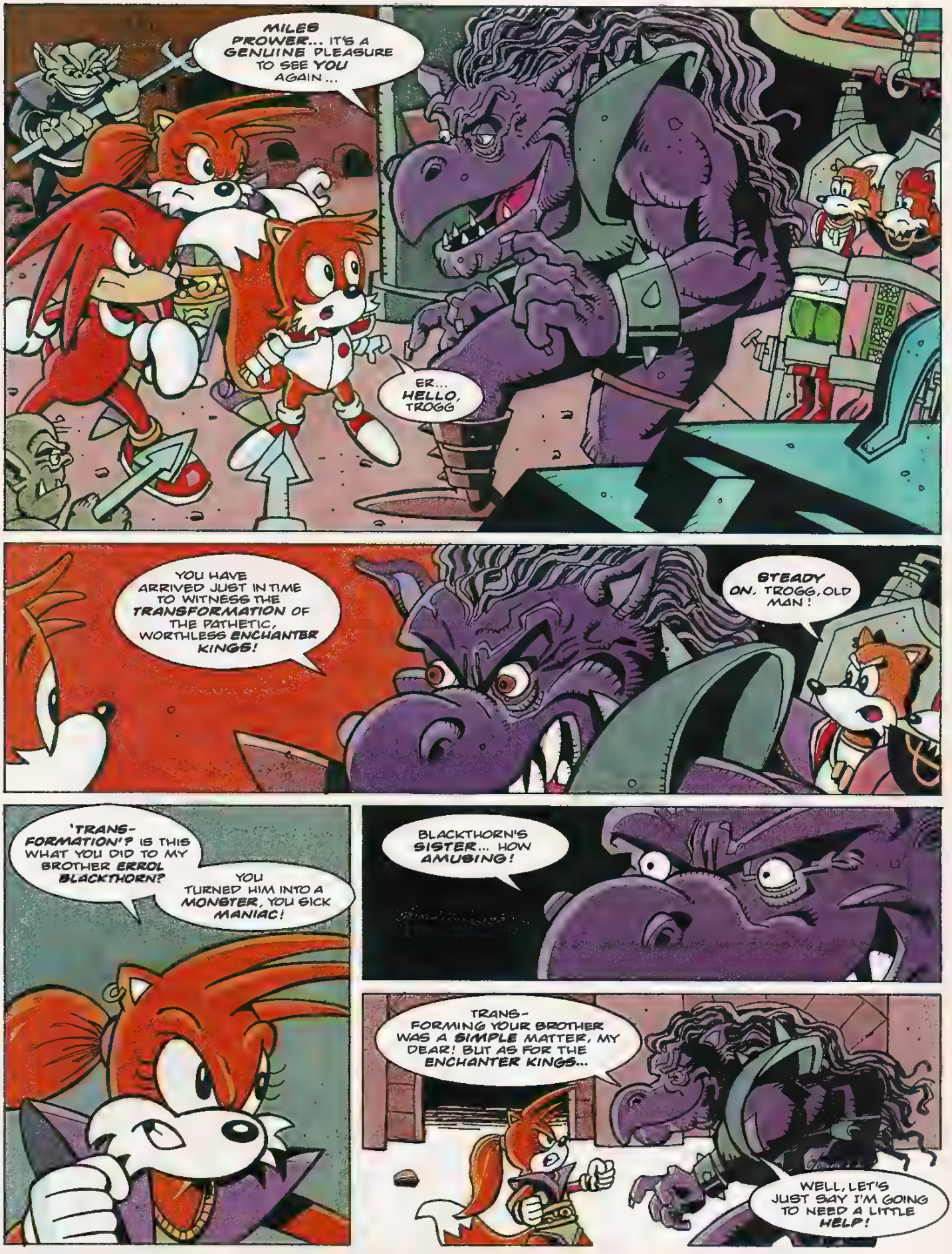
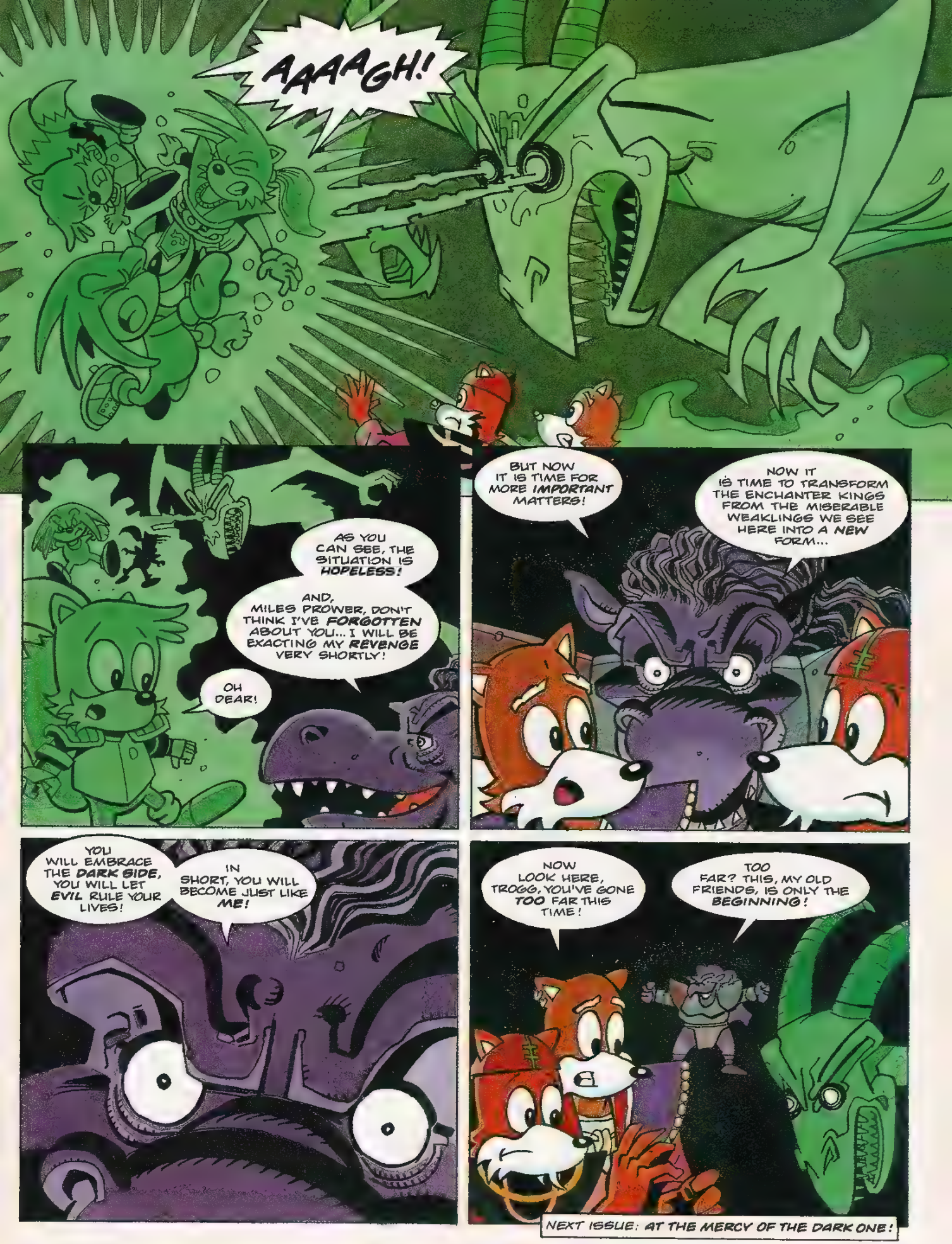
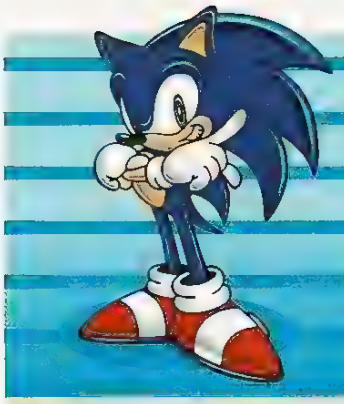



MILES PROWER... IT'S A GENUINE PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
ER... HELLO, TROGG
YOU HAVE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO WITNESS THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE PATHETIC, WORTHLESS ENCHANTER KINGS!
STEADY ON, TROGG, OLD MAN!
'TRANS-FORMATION'? IS THIS WHAT YOU DID TO MY BROTHER ERROL BLACKTHORN?
YOU TURNED HIM INTO A MONSTER, YOU SICK MANIAC!
BLACKTHORN'S SISTER... HOW AMUSING!
TRANS-FORMING YOUR BROTHER WAS A SIMPLE MATTER, MY DEAR! BUT AS FOR THE ENCHANTER KINGS...
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I'M GOING TO NEED A LITTLE HELP!

AND THE TIME IS AT HAND!
THE MOON IS APPROACHING ITS ZENITH AND I NOW CALL ON THE DARK ONE... THE ONE WHOSE NAME IS NEVER SPOKEN!
THAT LENS... IT'S FOCUSING THE MOON'S RAYS ON THE ORB!
I...I CAN SEE SOME SORT OF FIGURE...
I... AM... HERE...
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...

EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT THIS 'DARK ONE' CHARACTER!
LISTEN TAILS, IF WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THE ENCHANTER KINGS, NOW'S THE TIME!
OH, WELL DONE, OLD BOY!
SSHHH!
IF WE CAN JUST GET TO THE TUNNELS BEFORE WE ARE SEEN...
FOOLS! IT IS TOO LATE TO ESCAPE ME NOW!
I CALL UPON THE POWER OF THE DARK ONE... STOP THEM, THEY MUST NOT GET AWAY!
M...MAYBE THIS 'DARK ONE' ISN'T AS TOUGH AS HE LOOKS...
I WOULDN'T COUNT ON THAT IF I WERE YOU!


AAAAGH!
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE SITUATION IS HOPELESS!
AND, MILES PROWER, DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU... I WILL BE EXACTING MY REVENGE VERY SHORTLY!
OH DEAR!
BUT NOW IT IS TIME FOR MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS!
NOW IT IS TIME TO TRANSFORM THE ENCHANTER KINGS FROM THE MISERABLE WEAKLINGS WE SEE HERE INTO A NEW FORM...
YOU WILL EMBRACE THE DARK SIDE, YOU WILL LET EVIL RULE YOUR LIVES!
IN SHORT, YOU WILL BECOME JUST LIKE ME!
NOW LOOK HERE, TROGG, YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME!
TOO FAR? THIS, MY OLD FRIENDS, IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!
NEXT ISSUE: AT THE MERCY OF THE DARK ONE!



SPEED Lines

PC PIX TIP

Dear Sonic,
If you put Sonic Adventure inside a PC CD-ROM drive, access the CD and look inside the game folder, you will find several picture files. If you click on any of these a Sonic picture will appear! Even better, if you have a printer, you can print the pictures for display on your wall!
Adam Barnes, Lancashire.

That's one cool tip, Adam. I've put the example you sent me on my wall!

WHEN I'M 64?

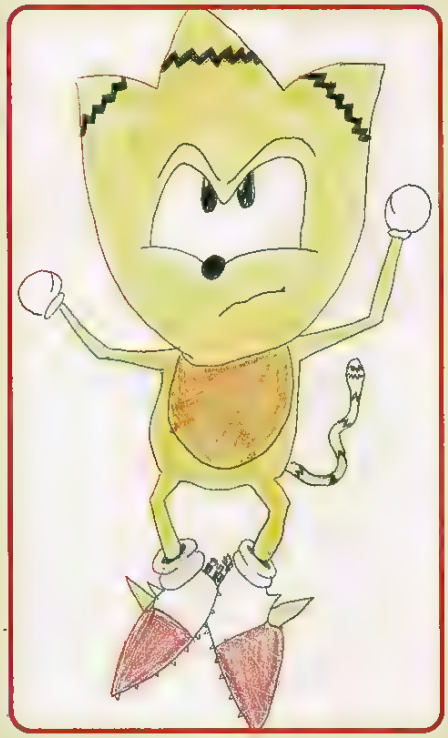
Dear Sonic,
I think you are great, but there is one problem I need you to solve. I have a Sega Mega-Drive, a Sega Saturn and a Nintendo 64. On My Mega-Drive and Sega Saturn I have lots of Sonic games, but my Nintendo 64 has no Sonic Games. So I wondered if you could make a game on Nintendo 64 and Call it Sonic 64?
Jake Isles, Bristol.

Cross over to Nintendo? I don't think so, Jake!

SPIKE THE TIGER!

Dear Sonic,
I have a brilliant idea for the next character for Sonic the Comic. His name is...SPIKE! One kick from his tiger boots can send Robotnik flying through the air! But, Spike can only be called by placing all the emeralds (including the super ones) in a circle, standing in the middle and shouting his name three times.
George Maris, East Sussex.

Hey, one superspin attack has the same effect, you know!



TOY STORY

Dear Sonic,
I recently bought a de-luxe, boxed Knuckles toy. I liked it so much that I took it to school. There, a friend asked if he could play with it. After hesitating for a moment, I let him, but when he brought it back I noticed the arm had "fallen off". Could you please fix it?
Seth Easterbrook, W. Sussex.

Try Amy—she's "sew" good at that sort of thing!

KNUCKLES RAPPED!

Dear Sonic,
In reply to one of the letters in Issue 196, you said Knuckles couldn't fly. Had you forgotten that he does glide in most (if not all) of his appearances in the games?
Thomas Huxley, England.

I meant fly as in go really fast—like yours truly!

MAYHEM
ON THE
MIRACLE PLANET!

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SONIC'S WORLD

NEW SERIES

FEATURING
CAM 'N' BERT B.A.R.F.*
SEARCH 'N' REPAIR OPERATIVES
* BADNIK ARMY REPAIR FUNCTIONARIES
IN
NO MORE MR. NICE BUG
PART 1

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Lettering: Elitta Foll

SONIC IS TESTING ONE OF PORKER LEWIS' INVENTIONS IN THE GREEN HILL ZONE.
IT'S REPROGRAM TIME FOR YOU, MOTO BUG.
I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT PORKER MEANT BY 'REPROGRAMMING'?
I THOUGHT THE BADNIKS WERE SUPPOSED TO CHANGE INTO NICENIKS. NOT PILES OF SCRAP.
REPAIR SQUAD TO GREEN HILL ZONE.
THAT BLOOMIN' BLUE HEDGEHOG'S BEEN AT IT AGAIN, CAM.
IT'S WHAT B.A.R.F* IS FOR, BERT...
...SEARCH AND REPAIR OPERATIVES GO-GO-GO.
*BADNIK ARMY REPAIR FUNCTIONARIES.
CLICK

GOING DOWN!
AH, THE BARFMOBILE.
EEEOOOEEEOOOO
LAUNCH SEQUENCE ACTIVATED. LAUNCH PAD PREPPED.
COUGH
SPLUTTER
CAK CAK CAK
CAK CAK CAK.
OUR MISSION IS TO REPAIR SOME BADLY DAMAGED MOTO BUGS.
NO.3 HAMMER FOR MOTO BUGS.

THE MOTO BUGS ARE HERE.
DO WE LOOK STUPID, TIN BRAIN?
GO OIL YOURSELF. B.A.R.F.'S ON THE JOB.
I'LL RUN SOME TESTS ON THE PORTABLE. YOU GET RIVETTING.
RIGHT
IVO'S CORSET! THIS LOOKS BAD.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL SOON HAVE IT STRAIGHTENED OUT.
NOT THAT, YOU GREAT NOO-NAH. LOOK AT THE SCREEN.
HAVE A NICE DAY...
THESE MOTO BUGS HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY A NICENIK COMPUTER VIRUS. ALL THEIR BADNESS HAS BEEN ERASED.
SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR MY NO.1 HAMMER.
CLUNK!

RAT SPIT! IT'S GOING TO TAKE AGES REPROGRAMMING BAD BEHAVIOUR BACK INTO ALL THESE MOTO BUGS.
IMAGINE AN ARMY OF NICENIKS! UGH! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE TO THINK ABOUT.
I'M GOING TO THINK ABOUT HAMMERING INSTEAD.
BREATHE IN THOSE INVIGORATING FUMES! A JOB WELL DONE, BERT. THE GREAT ROBOTNIK CAN REST EASIER IN HIS BED KNOWING THAT THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY HIS BLUE ADVERSARY HAS BEEN UNDONE.
YEAH. UH, SURE, CAM. UNDONE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT, METAL HEAD?
TWO. TWO MISSING. TWO OF THE MOTO BUGS ARE MISSING.
YOU MEAN YOU LET THEM ESCAPE AFTER THE BLUE HEDGEHOG TURNED THEM INTO NICE-NIKS. NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TRACK THEM DOWN.
OUR GLORIOUS LEADER WILL HEAR OF THIS AND HAVE YOU SCRAPPED.
LET'S SCRAP HIM OURSELVES.
GOOD IDEA, BERT. WE'LL SAVE THE GOOD DOCTOR THE TROUBLE.
NEXT ISSUE: NICENIKS CAN BE NASTY TOO.

TAILS Easy Target
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: CARL FLINT
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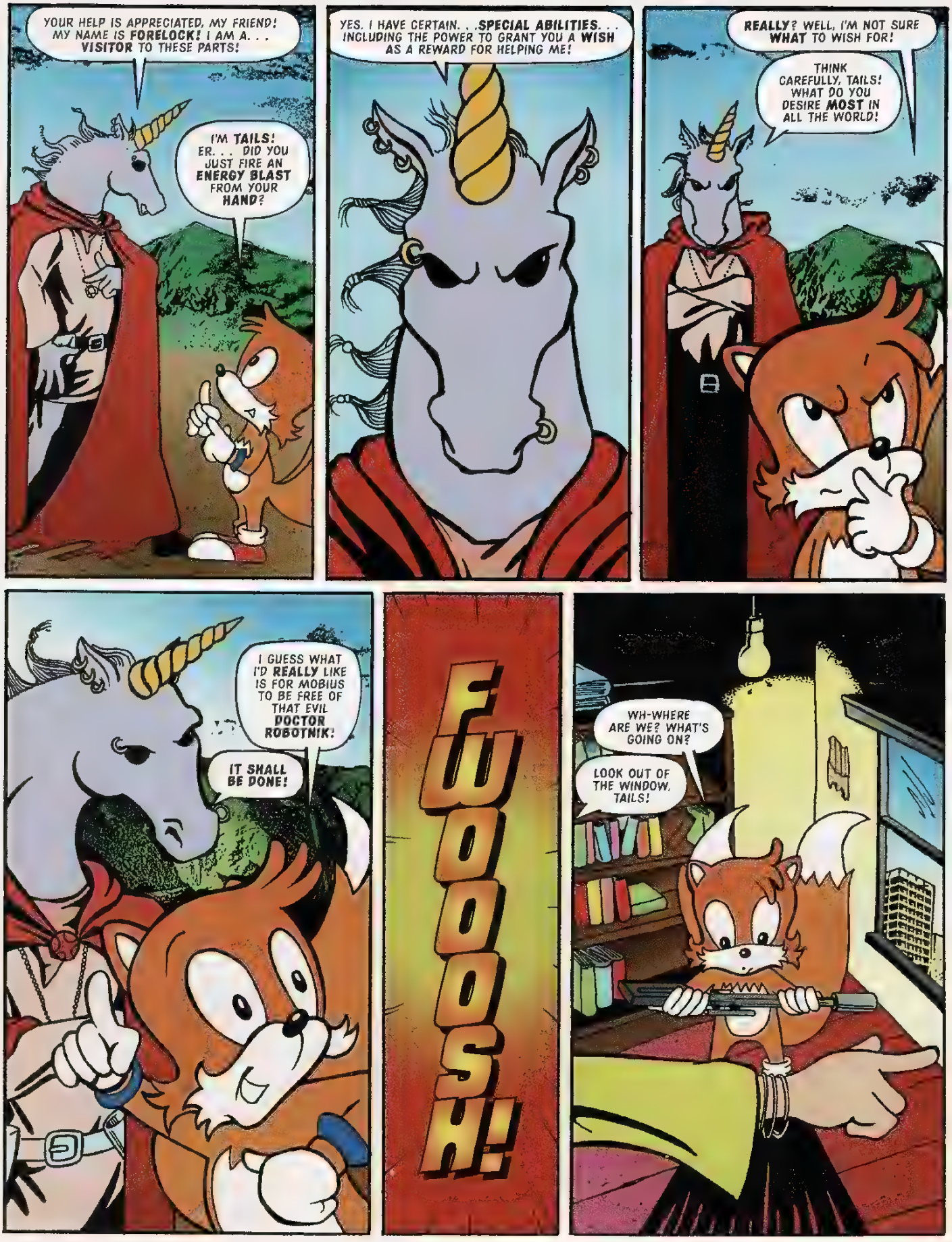
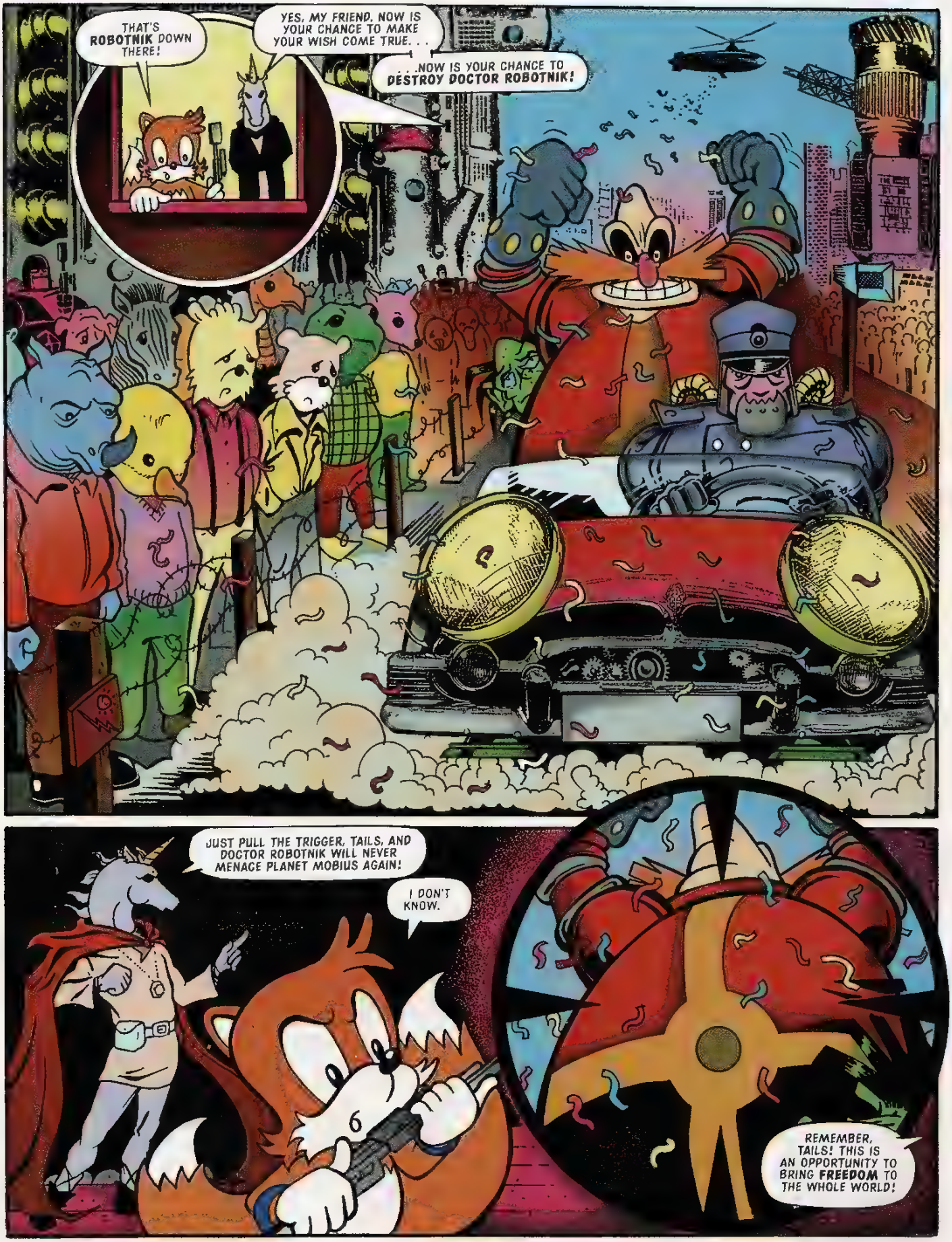
COMPLETE STORY
WITH THE CONSTANT THREAT OF A BADNIK ATTACK, LIFE ON PLANET MOBIUS IS NEVER PEACEFUL FOR LONG.
LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY COULD DO WITH SOME HELP!
FOUR TO ONE ISN'T FAIR! YOU GUYS ARE SUCH BULLIES!
BASHH!
UH-OH! HERO ALERT! — AAGHH!
DESTROY! DESTROY! DESTROYYY!
JLP! HE'S NOT VERY PLEASED TO SEE ME!
THUMMP!
URRRF!

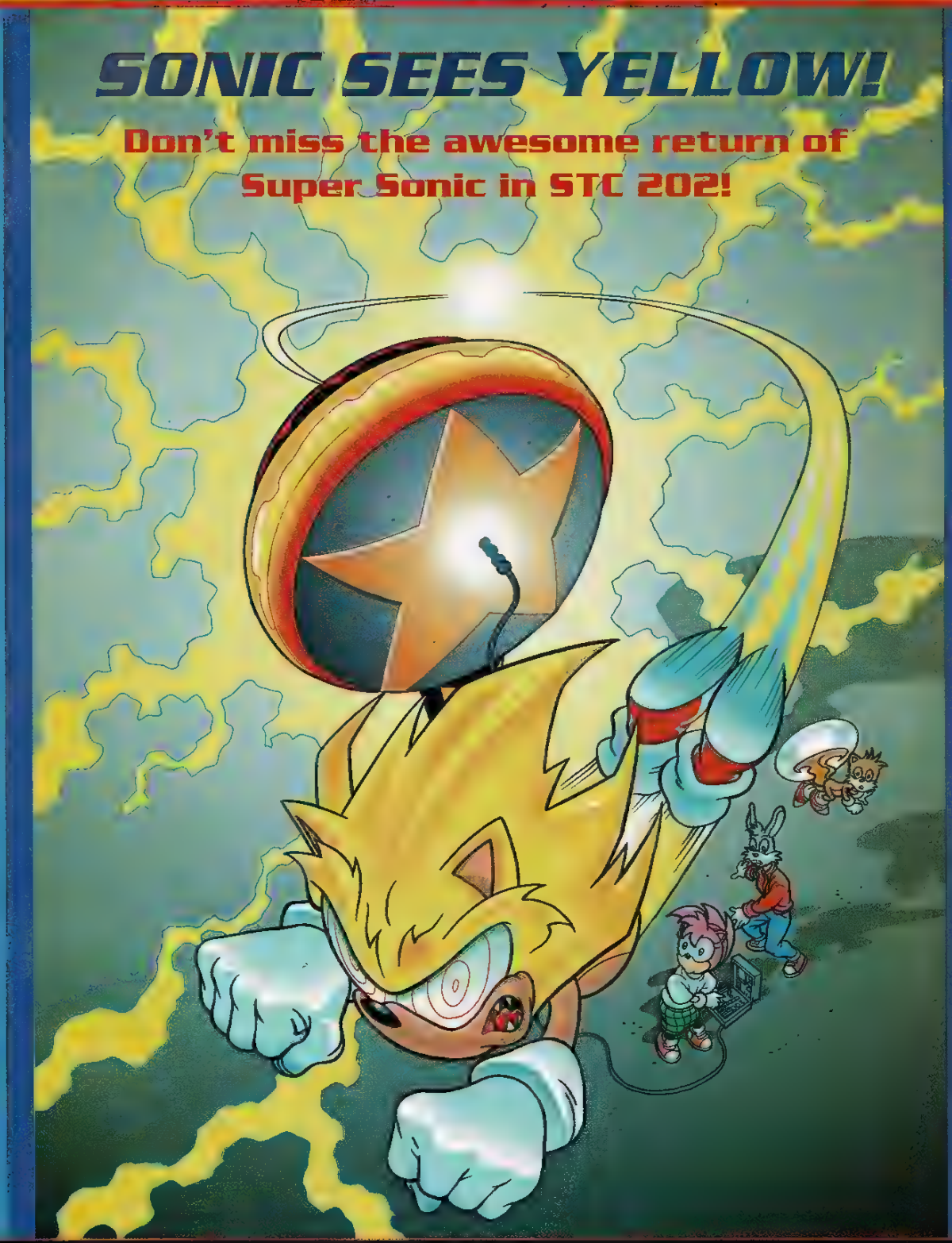
ER. . .I THINK I'LL PASS ON THE SWIMMING LESSONS TODAY, BADNIK!
SPLOSH!
HANG ON, MISTER! I'LL HELP YOU!
THAT'S THREE DOWN, ONE TO GO!
BWAP!
HELP! I BLEW IT!
PREPARE TO BE SQUASHED!
SHABOOM!
RELEASE HIM, EVIL ONE!
YIPES! THANKS, BUT I THOUGHT I WAS RESCUING YOU!


YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED, MY FRIEND! MY NAME IS FORELOCK! I AM A... VISITOR TO THESE PARTS!
I'M TAILS! ER... DID YOU JUST FIRE AN ENERGY BLAST FROM YOUR HAND?
YES. I HAVE CERTAIN...SPECIAL ABILITIES... INCLUDING THE POWER TO GRANT YOU A WISH AS A REWARD FOR HELPING ME!
REALLY? WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO WISH FOR!
THINK CAREFULLY, TAILS! WHAT DO YOU DESIRE MOST IN ALL THE WORLD!
I GUESS WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE IS FOR MOBIUS TO BE FREE OF THAT EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
IT SHALL BE DONE!
FWOOOSH!
WH-WHERE ARE WE? WHAT'S GOING ON?
LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW, TAILS!


THAT'S ROBOTNIK DOWN THERE!
YES, MY FRIEND. NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE. . .
. . .NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO DESTROY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
JUST PULL THE TRIGGER, TAILS, AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL NEVER MENACE PLANET MOBIUS AGAIN!
I DON'T KNOW.
REMEMBER, TAILS! THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING FREEDOM TO THE WHOLE WORLD!

NO! I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! IT'S WRONG!
FWOOOSH!
HUH? WE'RE BACK HERE! WHAT'S GOING ON, FORELOCK?
THE PREVIOUS FEW MOMENTS WERE AN ILLUSION WHICH I CREATED TO TEST YOU! THANKFULLY, YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE!
IF YOU HAD PULLED THE TRIGGER, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN AS EVIL AND AS RUTHLESS AS ROBOTNIK!
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW YOUR GOOD INSTINCTS, TAILS, AND ONE DAY YOUR WISH WILL COME TRUE!
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU? WHICH ZONE ON MOBIUS ARE YOU FROM?
I DIDN'T SAY I WAS FROM MOBIUS!
EEP!
WOW! WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I'D MADE THE WRONG DECISION? I GUESS THE EASIEST TARGETS AREN'T ALWAYS THE RIGHT ONES TO AIM FOR!
THE END.

IN THE NEXT SHOCKING ISSUE!



ON SALE WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH · GO MAD FOR IT!

SONIC'S WORLD

Enter the Cybernik Part 2

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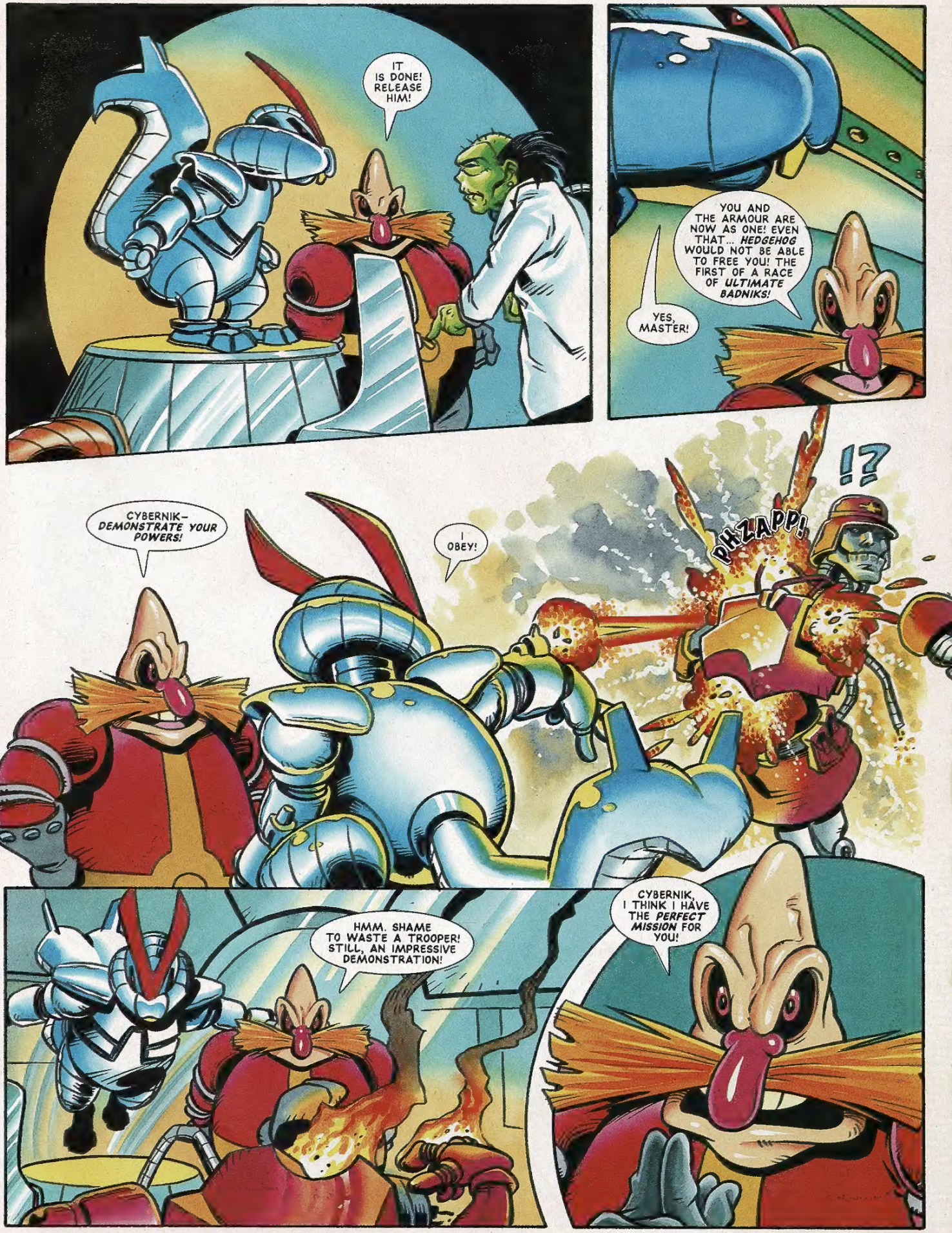
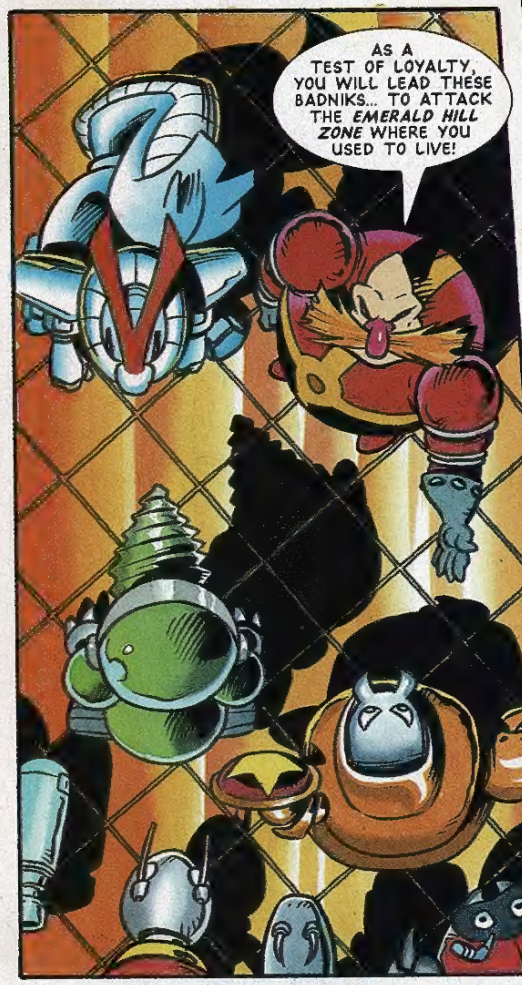
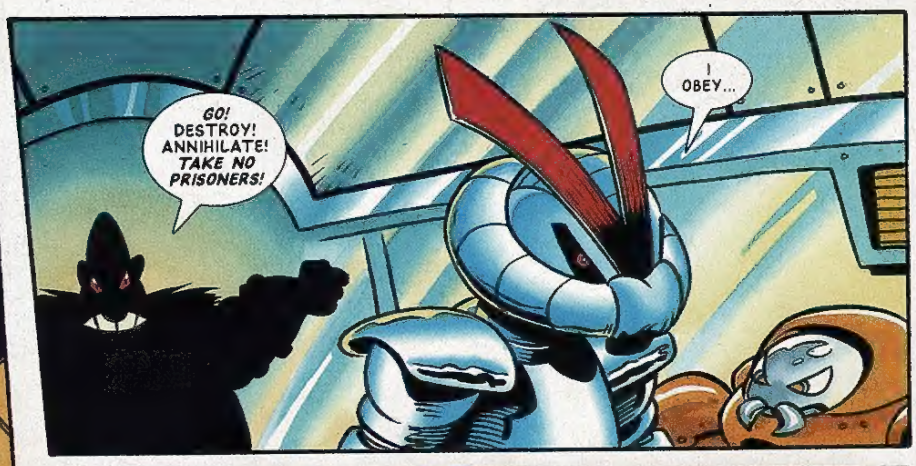
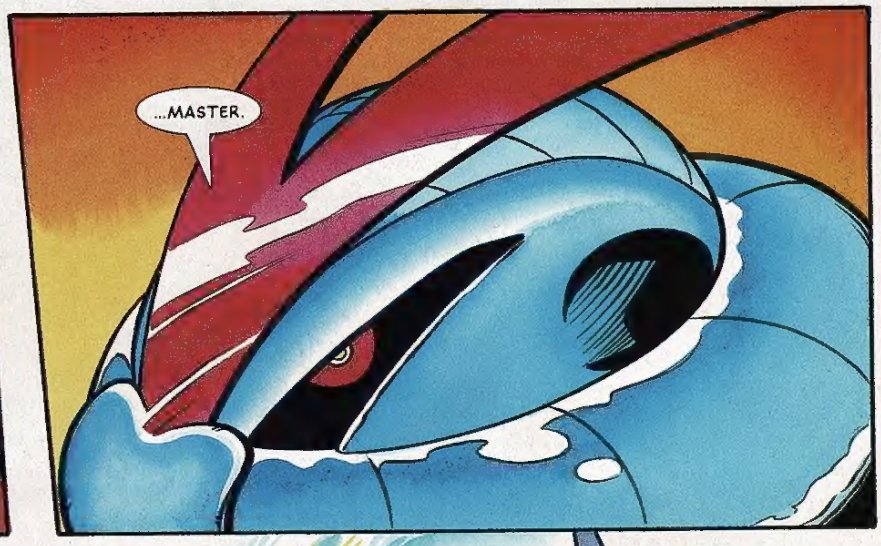
Lettering: Steve Potter

IN THE BADNIK PROCESSING PLANT, A FIERY SQUIRREL NAMED SHORTY IS ABOUT TO BE TURNED INTO A NEW SUPER-BADNIK CALLED THE CYBERNIK...
UNLIKE OTHER BADNIKS, ONCE YOU BECOME THE CYBERNIK YOU CAN NEVER BE FREED! YOU WILL OBEY ME FOREVER!
DREAM ON, LARDBELLY! YOU'LL NEVER BRAIN-WASH ME INTO FOLLOWING YOU!
NO-ONE CAN RESIST THE PROCESS! GRIMER - MAKE IT SO!
I LOVE THIS JOB! IT'S FUN BEING EVIL!
GOT TO RESIST THE BRAINWASHING! GOT TO!
MUST... RESIST... TO SAVE.. MY FRIENDS! GOTTA... RESIST! AAAGHH!
FZZAKK!

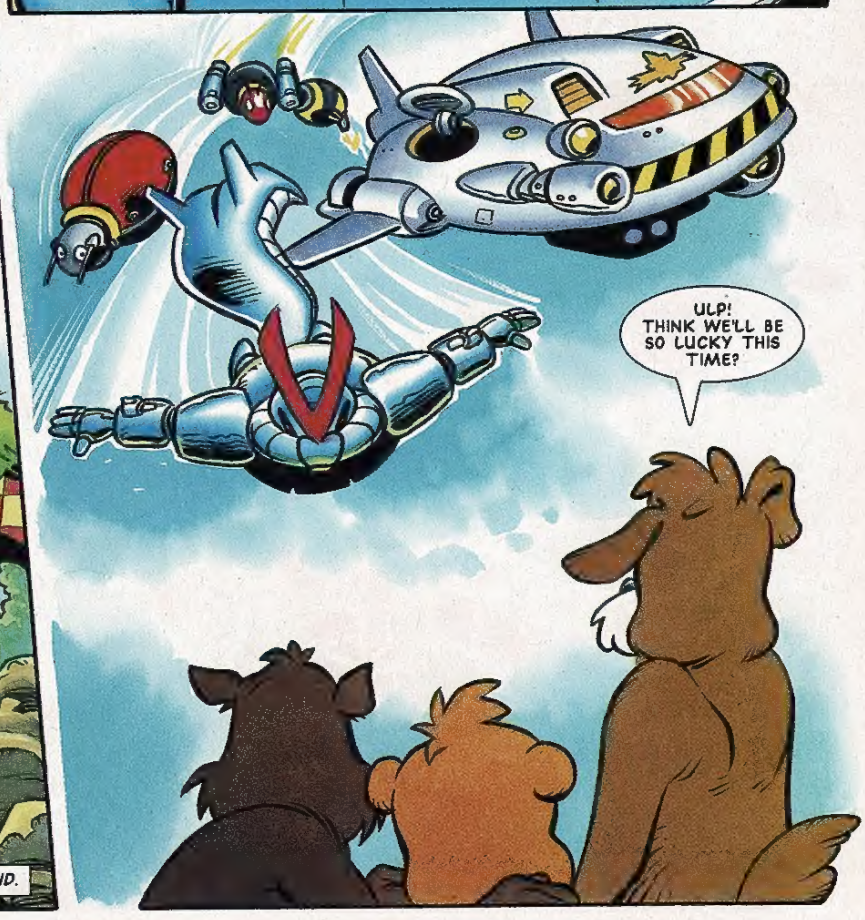

IT IS DONE! RELEASE HIM!
YOU AND THE ARMOUR ARE NOW AS ONE! EVEN THAT... HEDGEHOG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FREE YOU! THE FIRST OF A RACE OF ULTIMATE BADNIKS!
YES, MASTER!
!?
PHZAPP!
CYBERNIK– DEMONSTRATE YOUR POWERS!
I OBEY!
HMM. SHAME TO WASTE A TROOPER! STILL, AN IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION!
CYBERNIK, I THINK I HAVE THE PERFECT MISSION FOR YOU!

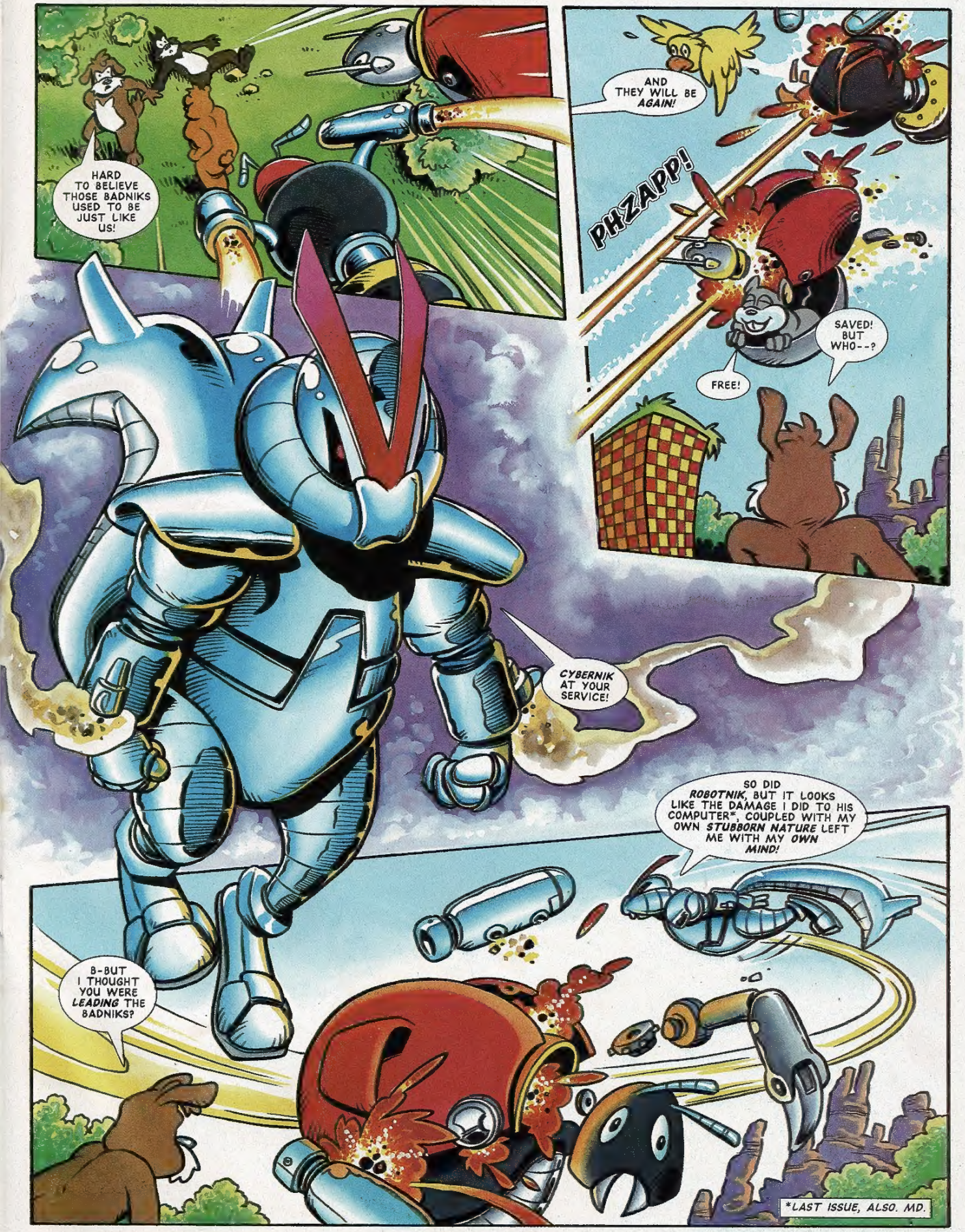

AS A TEST OF LOYALTY, YOU WILL LEAD THESE BADNIKS... TO ATTACK THE *EMERALD HILL ZONE* WHERE YOU USED TO LIVE!

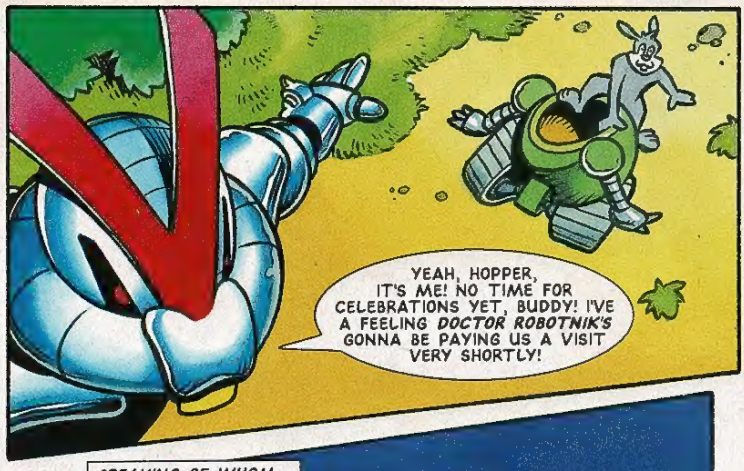

GO! DESTROY! ANNIHILATE! *TAKE NO PRISONERS!*
I OBEY...

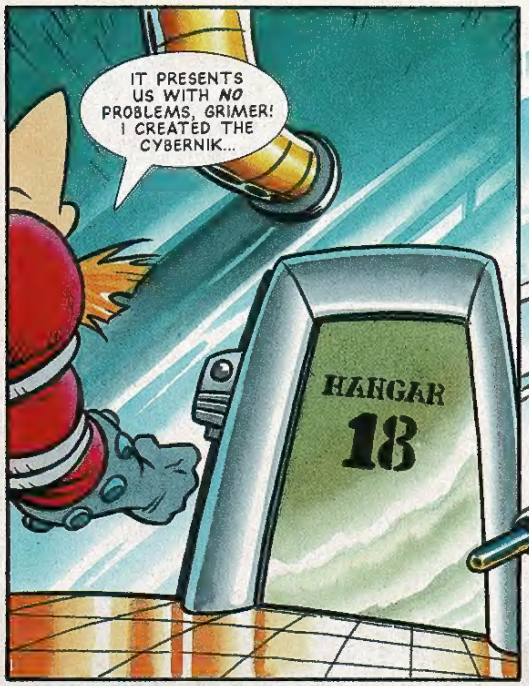

...MASTER.

THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.
ROBOTNIK CAPTURED MANY OF OUR PEOPLE!*
YES, WE WERE LUCKY TO ESCAPE!
*LAST ISSUE. MEGADROID.


ULP! THINK WE'LL BE SO LUCKY THIS TIME?


HARD TO BELIEVE THOSE BADNIKS USED TO BE JUST LIKE US!
AND THEY WILL BE AGAIN!
PHZAPP!
SAVED! BUT WHO--?
FREE!
CYBERNIK AT YOUR SERVICE!
SO DID ROBOTNIK, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE DAMAGE I DID TO HIS COMPUTER*, COUPLED WITH MY OWN STUBBORN NATURE LEFT ME WITH MY OWN MIND!
B-BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE LEADING THE BADNIKS?
*LAST ISSUE, ALSO. MD.


YEAH, HOPPER, IT'S ME! NO TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS YET, BUDDY! I'VE A FEELING *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S* GONNA BE PAYING US A VISIT VERY SHORTLY!



NEXT ISSUE: ***ROBOTNIK VERSUS CYBERNIK!*** *(BETTER THAN A BRUNO FIGHT!)*